

REMARKS

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 27, 2005, Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1-9 and 15-22. In response to the objection to Claims 12-14, Applicant has amended claim 12 to be independent with claims 13 and 14 depending therefrom. Claims 12-14 should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 10 and 11 have been canceled.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,



William B. Kircher
Reg. No. 22,481
Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP
4801 Main Street, Suite 1000
Kansas City, Missouri 64112
(816) 983-8160 - telephone
(816) 983-8080 - facsimile

ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT